

COMMENTS

Please find enclosed a supplemental amendment to the amendment mailed pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 filed on May 27, 2003. The claim amendments enclosed in this supplemental amendment for the above identified application place the application in condition for allowance. By way of the enclosed amendment to the claims, note that claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 13-17 and 19 -24 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

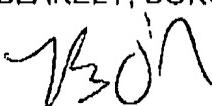
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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